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JOHNSON-BROCK PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER NAMED 2016 NEBRASKA HISTORY TEACHER OF THE YEAR

New York, NY (May 18, 2016): Lori Broady, a social studies teacher at Johnson-Brock Public School, was recently named the 2016 State History Teacher of the Year, an award sponsored by The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

Started in 2004, the History Teacher of the Year Award highlights the crucial importance of history education by honoring exceptional American history teachers from elementary school through high school. The award honors one exceptional K-12 teacher from each state, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense schools and US Territories.

A "National History Teacher of the Year" will be selected from this list of state winners and honored at a ceremony in New York City. Past presenters at the ceremony include First Lady Laura Bush, US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, the Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor, and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Broady received both her Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree from Peru State College. Broady's creative teaching connects her students in grades 7-12 to primary documents by examining original newspapers from World War II, Immigration and Naturalization forms that her ancestors filled out and assigned interviews with veterans. All of her students create a National History Day project as part of the course curriculum. Her students also use their historical thinking skills to create descriptions for exhibits at local museums.

Broady will receive a \$1,000 honorarium and the Johnson-Brock Public School library will receive a core archive of history books and educational materials from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Broady will also receive an invitation to a 2017 Gilder Lehrman Teacher Seminar, a weeklong program which offers teachers daily discussions with eminent historians, visits to historic sites, and hands-on work with primary sources.

Nominations can be made by a student, parent, colleague, supervisor, or other administrator familiar with the teacher's work. To be considered for the 2017 award, teachers must be nominated by February 1, 2017. For more information, visit www.gilderlehrman.org/nhtoy.

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History is a New York–based national nonprofit devoted to the teaching and learning of American history. Gilder Lehrman draws on top scholars, an unparalleled collection of original historical documents, and a national network of Affiliate Schools to create and provide a broad range of innovative resources, help new generations of students learn about American history in a way that is engaging and memorable, and promote critical thinking and excellent writing. The Institute's programs have been recognized by awards from the White House, the National Endowment of the Humanities, and the Organization of American Historians.



Left to right, Harris Payne, social studies specialist, Nebraska Department of Education; Lori Broady, 2016 State History Teacher of the Year; Patricia Timm of Beatrice, State Board of Education; and, Sonya Stejskal, president of the Nebraska State Council for the Social Studies.